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Wallops Leader Pleased with NASA Deputy Nominee

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility senior manager expressed his pleasure today with the naming of Major General Charles F. Bolden as the nominee for the second leadership spot in the nation's space agency.

"Major General Bolden brings a wealth of experience to NASA," said Dr. John H. Campbell, Director of Suborbital and Special Orbital Programs. "His knowledge of NASA and his leadership skills will prove invaluable as we begin a new era of space and aeronautics research. I was associated with Bolden during the STS-31 Shuttle mission and the deployment of the Hubble Space Telescope in 1990. I am pleased he is joining NASA again."

President George W. Bush announced earlier this week his intention to nominate former NASA astronaut and Assistant Deputy Administrator, Major General Charles F. Bolden, U.S. Marine Corps, as NASA's next Deputy Administrator. Bolden, 55, currently serves as the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

A veteran of four Space Shuttle flights, Bolden was pilot on STS-61C in 1986 and STS-31 in 1990, and was the mission commander on STS-45 in 1992. That same year, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Administrator at NASA Headquarters in Washington, a position he held until 1994, when he was named commander of STS-60. He left the space program having logged more than 680 hours in orbit.

As Deputy Administrator, Bolden will serve as the chief operating officer for the agency and report directly to the Administrator. He will be responsible for directing and managing many of the programs and day-to-day operations and activities at NASA.

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